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Mr. Mark Zaid Executive Director The James Madison Project 1250 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20036

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Dear Mr. Zaid:

On 5 February 2009, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 5 February 2009 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of "all Central Intelligence Agency ('CIA') records, including cross-references, pertaining to:

- a) Past and present CIA policies and regulations regarding interaction with Congressional Committees or Subcommittees with oversight over national security activities (hereinafter 'national security oversight committees'), including but not limited to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ('HPSCI'), the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence ('SSCI'), and the former CIA Oversight Subcommittees of the Senate and House Armed Services and Appropriations Committees; and
- b) Any other past and present CIA policy memoranda, position papers, articles in agency newsletters, or related official publications regarding national security oversight committees that aren't covered by (a) above."

We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

We accept your request and will process it in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended. We will search for records existing through the date of this acceptance letter. As a matter of administrative discretion, and in accordance with our regulations, the Agency has waived the fees for this request.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

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Information and Privacy Coordinator